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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TMA FUEL SHORTAGE US

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SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TMA APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FOLLOWED
BY VEILED THREAT RETALIATION HERE, PAN AM BEIRUT CECOM-
MENDING THAT PAN AM IN US ASSUCE TMA OF ITS PERMITTED
FUEL ALLOTMENT IF USG PERMITS TMA MAKE REFUELING STOP
AT FAIRBANKS OR SEATTLE RATHER THAN ANCHORAGE STOP
SPECIFIED IN BILATERAL. ECD SUMMARY

1. AS REPORTED EARIER, TRANS-MEDITECRANEAN AIRWAYS (TMA)
STATES THAT CHEVRON, ITS FUEL SUPPLIER IN ANCHORAGE, HAS
ADVISED THAT IT MAY BE UNABLE PROVIDE FUEL AFTER
DECEMBER 14. TMA NOW SPECIFIES THAT CHEVRON STATES
THAT TMA WILL BE LIMITED TO 16 RPT 16 PER CENT OF NORMAL
SUPPLIES AT ANCHORAGE AFTER DEVEMBER 14. TMA STATES THAT
REDUCTION WOULD FORCE TMA DISCONTINUE ITS THREE EASTBOUND
AND TWO WESTBOUCD ROUND-WORLD FLIGHTS WHICH MUST REFUEL
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ANCHORAGE.

2. PAN AM BEIRUT (TAYLOR, NEW BEIRUT MANAGER) TODAY ADVISED THAT TMA HAS APPEALED FOR HELP IN OBTAINING FUEL IN US. TAYLOR THINKS HE ALSO RECEIVED VEILED (AND CHARACTERISTIC) TMA THREAT INTERFERE WITH PAN AM FUEL SUPPLIES BEIRUT IF TMA CANNOT OBTAIN FUEL US. MIGHT TAKE FORM LIMITING PAN AM GALLON-TO-GALLON TO TMA FUEL AVAILABILITIES US. PAN AM CONSUMES TWICE AS MUCH FUEL BEIRUT AS DOES TMA IN US.

3. AS REPORTED OUR 13700, PAN AM UNAFFECTED BY GOL -ORDECED 10 PER CENT REDUCTION FUEL SUPPLIEU HERE BECAUSE CURRENT PAN AM CONSUMPTION IS 20-25 PER CENT LOWER THAN NOV-MAR BASE PERIOD. PAN AM NEVERTHELESS RECOMMENDING PAN AM NEW YORK THAT PAN AM AGREE TO ASSURE TMA OF WHATEVER AMOUNT FUEL TMA ENTITLED TO UNDER USG ALLOCATION PROGRAM. SINCE FUEL UNAVAILABLE ANCHORAGE, TMA WOULD HAVE TO REFULE SEATTLE OR FAIRBANKS. CHANGE IN REFUELING STOP PRESUMABLY REQUIRES USG APPROVAL UNDER BILATERAL. PAN AM WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SUCH APPROVAL FOR TMA.

COMMENT: AS WE UNDERSTAND REFERENCED GUIDANCE, USG REDUCING ALL CARRIERS GGRADUALLY BY 15-25 PER CENT. HOWEVER, CHEVRON VERY SHORT AND IS REDUCING CUSTOMERS AT ANCHORAGE BY 84 PER CENT, ACCORDING TMA, SUPPORTED BY PARA ONE, STATE 233806. EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION JUDGE ACCURANCY TMA'S STATEMENT OF ITS PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO SUPPORT PAN AM'S DESIRE TO HELP TMA OUT BY AUTHORIZING TMA ON A SHORT-TERM PROVISIONAL BASIS TO MAKE TECHNICAL STOP AT SEATTLE OR FAIRBANKS IN LIEU OF ANCHORAGE. BUFFUM

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